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1. On 13 August 1948 the Chief, Plans and Policy Staff and the Chief, Map Branch, ORE, participated in an interdepartmental meeting of representatives from the IAC agencies at Columbia University to consider a proposal for governmental support in aid of compiling and publishing a revised edition of the Lippincott Gazetteer.

2. A copy of the memorandum for record of this conference is attached hereto which states the details of the proposal and the recommendations of the CIA members.

3. On 22 September 1948 Colonel Halvorsen advised this office that he was seeking the official CIA position on this matter in order that he could reflect this view to the Joint Intelligence Group which is considering the formal proposal of Columbia University.

4. It is recommended that Colonel Halvorsen be furnished with a copy of the attached memorandum for record and that he be advised that the official CIA position is that contained in Section III, paragraph 1 thereof.

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